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Subject: Embarcadero Plaza and Sue Bierman HRR

Hi All,

Looking forward to discussing today if necessary. See our current plan below by Page & Turnbull's for the HRR:

- **Vaillancourt Fountain HRR**

- *Intro: This HRR will focus on Vaillancourt Fountain only (not full Embarcadero Plaza - see below for explanation as update vs full HRR)*
- *Existing historic status: Fountain has not previously been individually evaluated as an individual object. Contributing feature to the NR/CR-eligible Market Street Cultural Landscape Historic District as identified in the Better Market Street EIR (2016 DPR prepared by ICF) <https://sfplanning.org/project/better-market-street-environmental-review-process#info>*
- *Current photos*
 - *Vaillancourt Fountain*
 - *Surrounding Embarcadero Plaza and neighboring building context (will not include comprehensive documentation of all elements/features in Embarcadero Plaza)*
- *Summary Site History*
 - *Brief Site Context*
 - *Alteration Chronology*
 - *Summary Ownership History*
- *Evaluation – Evaluation of Vaillancourt Fountain only as an individual object*
 - *National Register & California Register significance evaluation*
 - *Integrity discussion*
 - *Character-defining features list (if relevant)*
- *References*
- *Appendix*
 - *Historic maps and photos*
 - *Selected newspaper & journal articles*
 - *2016 DPR form for Embarcadero Plaza (from Better Market Street EIR)*
 - *Preparer Qualifications*

To the best of our knowledge, Sue Bierman Park has not been previously evaluated. Given that Embarcadero Plaza was evaluated in 2016 (so within the last 10 years), we do not know if a new evaluation would be required by Planning Department. However, if requested by Planning, we could prepare a more abbreviated HRR that does not include a new evaluation, but rather summarizes the prior findings/historic status and provides some updates. Here is what we might propose as additional scopes for HRRs:

- **Embarcadero Plaza HRR Update** **[TBD – Confirm Scope/Approach with Planning]**



- Intro
 - Existing Historic Status: Embarcadero Plaza was found to contribute to the NR/CR-eligible Market Street Cultural Landscape Historic District as identified in the Better Market Street EIR (2016 DPR prepared by ICF). Embarcadero Plaza was found to be individually significant under NR/CR Criterion C/3 (Architecture) but to lack sufficient integrity. <https://sfplanning.org/project/better-market-street-environmental-review-process#info>
 - Current Photos
 - Embarcadero Plaza including main landscape features of entire plaza (north and south)
 - Surrounding properties
 - Alterations since 2016 documentation
 - References
 - Appendix
 - Historic maps & photos **[can Planning confirm if required?]**
 - Selected newspaper & journal articles **[can Planning confirm if required?]**
 - 2016 DPR form for Embarcadero Plaza (from Better Market Street EIR)
 - Preparer Qualifications
- **Sue Bierman Park HRR**



- Intro
- Existing Historic Status – Planning to confirm if any prior evaluations on file
- Current Photos
 - Sue Bierman Park
 - Surrounding Properties
- Summary Site History & Construction Chronology
 - Would include brief discussion of site prior to Golden Gateway Redevelopment Area, summarize the 1960s design of the site, and the 1990s alterations (freeway removal) and more recent c.2011 redesign.
- Evaluation – National Register & California Register
 - Integrity discussion and list of character-defining features, if relevant
- References
- Appendix
 - Historic maps & photos
 - Selected newspaper & journal articles
 - Preparer Qualifications